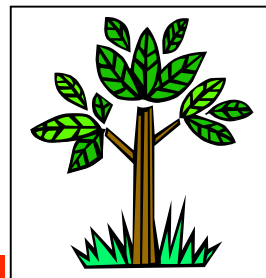


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Good Bye from Dr. Lobban



Preview of the Paper:

- Read stories from the 8 Red newspaper Bread & Butter
- New Comics section!
- Interview with Dr. Sawyer

“ I thank the Oak Middle School Students for the opportunity to create the Oak Middle School with and for them. The many special moments you have provided are difficult to describe in words. I will carry with me the fondest of memories from our time spent together, and wish all of you the best in the future.”

INTERVIEW WITH DR. SAWYER

by Trina Parks

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Dr. Sawyer, next year's principal, is enthusiastic, thrilled, and overjoyed about becoming Oak's new principal, to say the least. He lives in Shrewsbury with his wife Laurence (yes, I said Laurence). He has two daughters and he is expecting a third. He loves to read books, magazines, exercise, run, play golf, and spends his time with his family. And to make it even better he's a Red Sox and Pats fan!



How long have you been working in the Shrewsbury School System?

Dr. Sawyer has been working in the Shrewsbury School System for nine years. In 1997 he was the first assistant principal of Floral Street School. After four years of working as assistant principal, he became principal. He has been principal at Floral Street School for five years now.
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Teen Hot Spots

Now **RED** is a very hot team and has many hot spots where kids hang. But there just so happens to be some extremely hot, burning, fiery, lava temperature spots on our burning hot county that many teens chill at. A hot spot I know of that many teens tend to hang out in school is the bathrooms. This is what us teens consider a relaxing spot without the worry of education breathing down our backs. Also many teens in Shrewsbury hang out at Dunkin Donuts, Village Pizza, and Shrewsbury Pizzeria (That's good advertisement). Many teens make the decision to chill at these hot spots because on Fridays, students of Oak Middle School walk to the Shrewsbury center of town. Also, many teens that I myself know of tend to hang out at Ward Hill and Wachusett Mountain. Other hot spots some teens hang out or as they say "chill" at would consist of the movies, arcades, restaurants, and especially the mall. I hope to see you people who read this article at these extremely, burning, scorching hot spots.

The following stories are from the 8 Red newspaper, Bread & Butter Names withheld to protect the unsuspecting writers

What's in your Locker?

I interviewed many students at the Oak Middle School to find out what they have stored in their locker. The first student I interviewed was Muhammad Adnan ul-Haq. Like most students, he has four binders for social studies, math, science and language arts. Everybody has something unique in his or her locker, so I checked his locker to see if he was telling the truth. I opened it up, and he had 50 Cent and G-Unit behind his coat and backpack. How awesome! The next student I interviewed was Jefferson Louzeiro. Jeff showed me his locker, and it looked normal. He tapped the back three times, wrote a secret code and it opened. We walked inside his secret chamber, but I can't reveal what was in there. I will only tell you that he had a banana and peanut butter sandwich on the floor of his secret chamber. Until next time for, **What's in your Locker?**

Students In the News **edited by Brenden Barry**

Congratulations to Brendan Barry, a 7 Gold student, and Derek Bain, a 6th grader at Sherwood, who were accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum. They have joined a select group of students in Washington, D.C., April 17-23, 2006 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

They have examined the characteristics of American Leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates have also participated in small-group discussions and exercises to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

They were nominated and honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1965.

If you get in the news or do something notable, send it into the paper and we may publish it!

Time Travel an OLD MAGIC REVIEW

Characters go back in time to the medieval era: Magic, Spells and curses, and evil wizards in dark castles.

Love Story (In a way...) Jarrod and Kate can't get each other out of their minds

Characters: Jarrod-Denies he has magical powers, and that this so called "magic" dose not even exist. Is he right or will he have to give in?

Kate-A witch at an intermediate level, who recognizes Jarrod's powers and the curse upon his family.

Now, Lets introduce our team of book critics and their thoughts about this whole shebang!

Say hello to the ever-adventurous Nora, this gal's into an overdose of action. Whether it's mystery or fantasy, she's all for it as long as it's got spice. Nora loves a her action, and at times, can get a little defensive. If you want to know anything about action, listen to Nora, because she's the one with all the answers.

Now let's meet Vicky. When she's around you, know the party has officially started! Vicky's into full-fledged comedy, the ever-impressive romance, hard dose action, and a bash of fantasy once in a while.

And, finally give it up for Lindsay, a fantasy obsessive; Lindsay loves a little comic relief in her books, especially in realistic fiction. She enjoys stories from all eras, yet she rarely dapples in the fields of non-fiction.

Nora: This book was OK. You had to get really far into the book for it to get really good, like, 100 pages into it! So, to make this easy, it was totally boring in the beginning but towards the end it got better.

Vicky: This book...well, I believe a book should make you interested from the start. I think it is a bad book. This book isn't interesting until the 150th page.

Lindsay: I disagree. Old Magic was interesting from the start. Between the magic, the curse, and the freak thunderstorm in the chemistry lab, I cannot understand how you see any dullness! The characters are interesting, and, though I agree the end IS the most exiting part of the book. The beginning and middle were also amazing.

Vicky: Yah.... right.... not really. The first three pages were kinda' exiting but then for the next 150 pages the book was all: Kate stares at Jarrod, Jarrod stares at Kate and all of that stuff. Now I'm a fan of romance and all, but when you know there's an underlying plot then there's no point in sitting around and waiting for something to happen while reading about how she has a crush but cant muster the courage to tell him, and he likes her, also, yadda yadda ya. At least put in some confrontation, Mrs. Curley!

Nora: I'm with Vicky on this one. The beginning was totally boring, I couldn't stand it! The romance was a little more important during the second half of the book (the part with the action!). Romance and I don't mix, I needed some action to dilute all the mushy stuff. The girl has to deal with having Sámi-mediocre powers, and the one other person she meets who has paranormal abilities completely denies it! And the romance, come on Nora! I know romance novels

A book review on the
book,
Old Magic
By Vinita Singh
Sneha Walia
Katherine Cody



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McKegg Collins-
Editorial
Brendan Barry-
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Helper for those
tough format
questions.

We're on the Web!

See us at:
The Oak Website

aren't your cup of tea but honestly! It's your perfect opposite attract hero/heroine situation which gets even weirder when they are sent to medieval England and meet an insane sorcerer who is in love with Kate. If you don't find that in a story interesting, I honestly don't know what planet you are from.

Nora: Still, it's all romance. I HATE ROMANCE! OK...yeah...the whole curse on Jarrod's family, and fighting an evil sorcerer is interesting. I mean, how often does this random kid start fighting this all-powerful sorcerer with magic swords. That was the best and most interesting part of the book.

Vicky: Yeah, I agree, but when may I ask, does this part occur?...AT THE END! Do you know how monotonous it is to read through 300 something pages to get to what you've been waiting for and find it that the action part is only four pages long! So that means that for every one-action page there are about 75 pages of boredom...well for me anyway.

Nora: I AGREE!

Vicky: Anyway...All in all this book was mostly romance and well (Lindsay, please don't kill me)...cheap action.

Lindsay: Vicky tell me this, what is your definition of boredom? Is it an extremely dull, pointless situation, or magical spells?

Vicky: Boredom is the feeling of being bored. Bored: feeling tired and irritable either because of being exposed to something uninteresting or because of having nothing to do. Also known as tedium, monotony, and dullness. HAPPY!?

Lindsay: OK...HOW IS IT BORING! Nora, I know you hate romance books, but people who think like that, they shouldn't read books like Old Magic, and seriously review it. No Offiance or anything, but it's your own personal book prejudice that is keeping you from really liking the book. Vicky, you I honestly don't get, so lets agree to disagree. My book preference includes romantic novels, murder mysteries, historic novels, and fantasy, you obviously like... different things. I love Old Magic, I say it's exciting and interesting. You hate it, you say its boring and pointless. Neither of us will cave in, so lets... call it a tie, and leave it up to a reader to decide

Nora: This is my final statement...This book was OK. There were good parts and there were bad parts. There were exiting parts and boring parts. There were adventurous parts and romance parts. So, a little something for everybody!

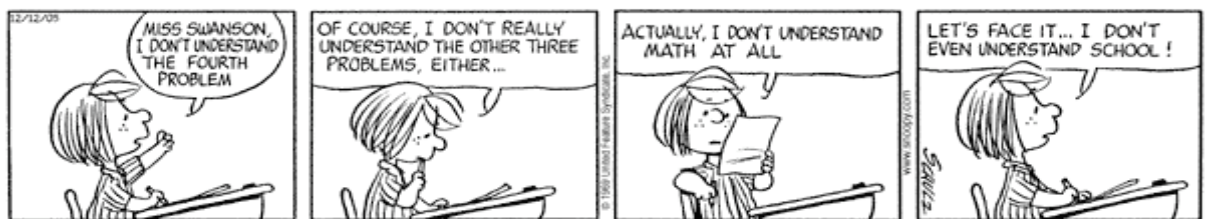
Lindsay: Yah!!! They're coming to there senses!

Vicky: I have to admit there were good parts in this book for me, but I would have liked it to be more my style because I believe that Ms. Curley was all over. The place, I think she wanted to please everyone with different preferences and ended up having this whole smoothie of a book, like Nora said, a little for everyone.

Lindsay: So we've agreed to disagree. Old Magic has its good and it's bad, a little bit for everyone and it's up to the reader to decide. Case Closed.

Comics

That's why
the 8th grade
tutors are
here.



What were your past jobs? What were they like?

Dr. Sawyer was the assistant principal at a grade 4, 5, and 6 school in Middleborough, Massachusetts. Before that, he was a fifth and third grade teacher in Houston. His first teaching job was at a school for a middle school and high school boys with emotional and behavioral difficulties. He taught history.

Are you excited about working at Oak?

He is incredibly excited. He thinks this is a great opportunity and he loves working with kids our age. He finds it energizing.

How do you think being principal at Oak would be different from being principal at Floral?

Dr. Sawyer thinks it will be different. He finds that students this age are more mature and will have the ability to offer a say in how the school runs. We have a higher level of learning, in his eyes. He is excited to learn.

Would you rather work with younger kids or middle school students?

Dr. Sawyer thinks that the middle school age is where the students make choices that make a long lasting impact on their lives.

Being principal, what things would you do different than Dr. Lobban?

Dr. Sawyer says he thinks it is important to learn as much as he can from the students, teachers, and parents, and learn what they think is successful at Oak. He feels that it is his responsibility to guide improvement, learn what the issues are, and work together to move the school in the right direction. He feels that this is not an individual decision.

What are your strengths and weaknesses?

His strengths are he is committed to doing whatever he can to help students and teachers succeed. He feels that he can communicate to help people understand what the school is trying to do and why. His weakness, he says, "I can get so enthusiastic about what I am talking about, that I can go on a little too long."

How do you feel about this being your last year at Floral?

"Bittersweet"

He loved his nine years at Floral and he is proud of the work he has done. He also feels it is a good thing and he knows Floral will continue successfully.

Why did you apply for the job of Principal of Oak?

"I think that working with early adolescents is the one of the most important jobs for an educator." He also knows from working and living in Shrewsbury, Oak Middle is a very special school. He wanted to make a difference by working together with a talented group of teachers, to help Oak go from excellent to extraordinary.

Judging by what you have seen visiting Oak, what do you think being principal at Oak would be like?

"Energizing"

He feels that it will give him feelings of pride and satisfaction. He has seen respect and care for learning. He thinks the students here at Oak are motivated to become successful young adults. He is looking forward to becoming part of that culture.

GOOOOD News !

By Mckegg Collins

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Recently, the world of Tait College has come to Oak. Thanks to Ms. Webb, and Bryant Clark the 1928 Broadway musical came to Oak on June 2-4. The musical is about star football player, Tom Marlowe, (played by Dan Monopoli), is failing Astronomy and can't play the final football game. His rich, spoiled girlfriend Pat, (Played by ex-OMS staff writer Alyssa Carelli) is "concerned" about her boyfriend's future and asks her cousin Connie (played by newcomer Samantha Centerbar) to tutor him. They soon fall in love. The entire cast had a great time, and was psyched when the show sold out opening night as well as Saturday night.

